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ENEMY PREPARES TO SIGN TREATY

Various Reports From Germany Indicate Sentiment Is Changing.

HUNS AT VERSAILLES AGAIN

Rantau Returns After Meeting Scheidemann at Spa in Conference.

ALTERATIONS ARE MINOR

Changes in Terms Mainly Those of Phraseology and Lesser Details.

LONDON, May 24.—The German government at present is sincerely anxious to conclude peace and to sign the allied terms, according to the view of the Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, formed from recent events in Germany. The only thing the German government is looking for, he says, is some alterations in the terms which it can interpret to the German people as a concession in order to say that the treaty no longer retains the form which made it "unacceptable."

GERMANS ARE PREPARING TO SIGN TREATY.

A series of notes protesting against various sections of the peace treaty apparently have had little effect on the purpose of the allied and associated governments to have the German delegates sign or refuse the treaty virtually as presented.

It is indicated in various reports from Germany that the attitude of the Berlin government is changing, some observers expressing the opinion that it will order the delegates at Versailles to sign the treaty. General Scheidemann, Chancellor of the Reich, was again at Versailles after his conference Friday at Spa with Premier Scheidemann and other German leaders.

Meanwhile the allied troops are being held in readiness along the Rhine. General Robertson, the British commander, had a conference at Coblenz Friday with Lieutenant-General Liggett, the commander of the American bridgehead in regard to their plans should the Germans decline to sign.

Further reports indicate that the position of the Bolsheviks at Petrograd is growing worse. The advance of the Poles and East Germans continues, and land explosions and great fires are reported to have occurred in Petrograd, indicating that the Bolsheviks were destroying ammunition. Other reports say that the inhabitants of Petrograd have risen against the Bolsheviks and that there has been some machine gun fire.

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**Osage Items in Indian
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WASHINGTON, May 24.—The house of representatives had passed on all the range items in the Indian appropriation bill when it adjourned yesterday. No change was made in any of the items. Congressmen Edward Hastings, Carter, Ferrie and McKeown of Oklahoma remained on the floor continuously during the discussion of the bill.

Mrs. Anderson Is Acquitted; Jury Out But Eight Minutes

THE WEATHER

TULSA, Okla., May 24.—Maximum, 84°; minimum, 62°; south winds, cloudy, cool, 45°; rain, 10°; partly cloudy, local showers in east portion. Monday, partly cloudy, somewhat warmer.

LOUISIANA.—Sunday, cloudy, probably light showers late to fresh, south winds on the coast. Monday, partly cloudy.

ARKANSAS.—Sunday, showers; Monday, partly cloudy.

TEXAS.—Sunday and Monday generally fair, somewhat warmer.

WELL TEXAS.—Sunday and Monday generally fair, somewhat warmer in the Panhandle Sunday.

KANSAS.—Fair Sunday and probably Monday, not much change in temperature.

WIRE BRIEFS

POLISH TROOPS CAPTURE LUTSK.

LONDON, May 24.—Polish troops have captured the important town of Lutsk, in Volhynia northeast of Lemberg, from the Ukrainians. A Central News Dispatch from Berlin says. The poles also took 2,000 prisoners and a large number of guns.

MORE THAN 60 PER CENT RELEASED.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Demobilization of the army has now returned more than 60 per cent of officers and men to civil life, it was announced officially. The total, including partial reports to date, was given as 2,215,151, of which 112,500 were officers. Sailings from overseas since November 11 last have totalled 1,152,327.

DENY FRICION CAUSES RESIGNATION.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—Published reports of resignations of attaches of the American peace mission in Paris, construed to indicate dissatisfaction in the mission with the peace treaty, drew the first official denial today from the state department. It was denied that Dr. E. T. Williams, attaché to the mission's Far Eastern affairs and stated that he was only loaned by the University of California with the understanding that he would be kept only until April.

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HINES REQUESTS FUND FOR RAILS

Asks Congress for \$1,200,000,000 to Finance Operation of Roads by U. S.

CROWD APPLAUDS VERDICT

Mild Cheers Attest Feelings of Spectators—Defendant Tells of Events.

OPPOSES ADVANCE IN RATES

Director General Known to Be Against Increase to Meet Further Losses.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—To finance the railroads for the balance of this year and to pay the government's operating loss for 16 months up to this month, an appropriation of \$1,200,000,000 was asked of congress today by Director General Hines. More may be sought later if the government continues to lose heavily in operation.

The \$1,200,000,000 is in addition to the \$300,000,000 appropriated for the last session and includes the \$300,000 which failed of appropriation when the session ended in a filibuster.

There was mild applause from the crowd gathered in the courtroom to await the decision of the jury. The verdict was not a surprise to those who have been watching the progress of the case, it being generally predicted at the conclusion of the evidence that the woman would be acquitted.

The arguments of the opposing council, begun in the afternoon, were continued until after 9 o'clock. It was only eight minutes after Judge Cole instructed the jury to retire for their deliberations that the 12 men filed back into the courtroom with their verdict. This was promptly read and the long and tedious trial was ended.

Government Loses.

Approximately \$186,000,000 represents the government's loss in operating the railroads from January 1, 1918, when private control ended, to May 1. This is the difference between the sums from which the government is obliged to pay the roads on contracts and the net actual operating income from operations.

The balance, or about \$1,214,600,000, of the \$1,500,000,000 now appropriated or sought, represents working capital to be repaid to the government annually.

This was explained by Mr. Hines in his request for the appropriation submitted to congress through Secretary Glass.

The deficit last year was \$228,184,000 and in the first four months of this year the government's loss was about \$25,000,000. "These," said Mr. Hines, "are clearly due to the war and ought to be treated as such. By reason of the armistice and factors leading to important changes in the situation, the estimate has with submitted does not attempt to forecast results beyond the first four months of this calendar year."

This comment of the director general prompted belief that the administration might have to call another meeting of the Senate to make up a temporary deficit. Such a situation might be met by raising rates, but the director general has stated that he does not wish to consider this until opportunity has been given for general business conditions, which are reflected in traffic. This is interpreted as meaning that there probably will be no immediate advance in rates, new taxes or assessments.

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NC-4 Waits on Lisbon Trip



Panoramic view of harbor of Lisbon, Portugal.

PONTA DELGADA, May 24.—Weather reports received this morning indicate that the strong easterly winds between here and Lisbon will continue today and tomorrow. This makes the start of the seaplane NC-4 for Lisbon unlikely before Monday.

The view of the harbor at Lisbon, Portugal, is from Fort Almada, across the Tagus river. In the right upper portion of the photograph can be seen the mouth of the river emptying into the Atlantic ocean. This river mouth was chosen by the naval aviators as a landing place for the ocean flight.

NEGRO IS ARRESTED
FOR BURNING VESSEL

Federal Authorities Nab Alfred Cole—Man on Norfolk on Charge of Setting Fire to Virginia.

NORFOLK, May 24.—Alfred Cole, negro, was arrested here this afternoon by the federal authorities on the charge of setting fire to the Y. M. C. A. at 10:30 this morning and march to the First Baptist church in a body to attend memorial services to be held in their honor.

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